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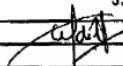
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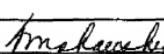
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This paper is responsive to the most recent Office Action on the merits, dated July 16, 2003,
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